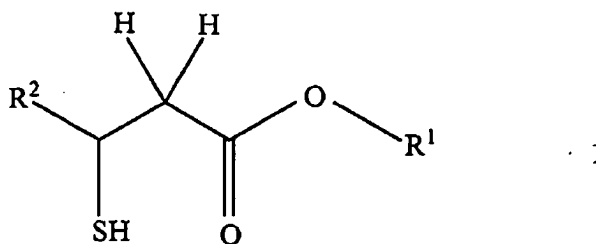


LISTING OF CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

1-8. (CANCELED)

9. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) A method of adding a flavor or fragrance to a product to provide the product with a fruity note in the absence of a green and/or fatty note, the method comprising adding to the product [[wherein]] at least one compound of formula 1



or a precursor thereof, wherein R^1 ~~represents a branched or unbranched is~~ selected from the group consisting of linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl [[or]] and alkadienyl group containing groups having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms and R^2 represents a ~~is selected from the group consisting of methyl [[or an]] and ethyl, with the proviso that R^2 is not methyl when R^1 is ethyl, thereby providing the product with a fruity note in the absence of a green and/or fatty note group, is added to the product for flavoring or fragranting the product.~~

10. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the product is selected from the group consisting of a food, a beverage, a healthcare product, a household product, and combinations thereof.

11. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein R¹ is selected from the group consisting of methyl, ethyl, n-propyl, iso-propyl, n-butyl, iso-butyl, tert-butyl, n-hexyl, (Z)-2-hexenyl, (E)-3-hexenyl, (E)-2-hexenyl, (Z)-3-hexenyl and n-octyl.

12. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 9 wherein at least one compound is selected from the group consisting of 3-mercaptopentanoic acid methyl ester, 3-mercaptopentanoic acid ethyl ester, 3-mercaptopentanoic acid n-hexyl ester, (R)-3-mercaptopentanoic acid methyl ester, 3-mercaptopentanoic acid (Z)-3-hexenyl ester, 3-mercaptopentanoic acid ethyl ester, and precursors thereof.

13. (CURRENTLY AMENDED) The method of claim 9 wherein at least one compound is selected from the group consisting of 3-mercaptopentanoic acid methyl ester and 3-mercaptopentanoic acid ethyl ester.

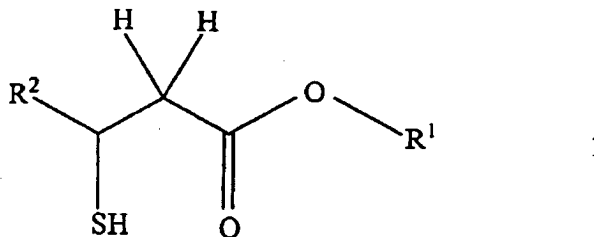
14. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the precursor is formed by reaction of acyl chloride with the compound of formula 1.

15. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the compound(s) of formula I or the precursor(s) thereof is/are present in an amount of 0.001 mg/kg to 500 mg/kg of said product.

16. (ORIGINAL) The method of claim 9 wherein the compound(s) of formula I or the precursor(s) thereof is/are present in an amount of 0.01 mg/kg to 50 mg/kg of said product.

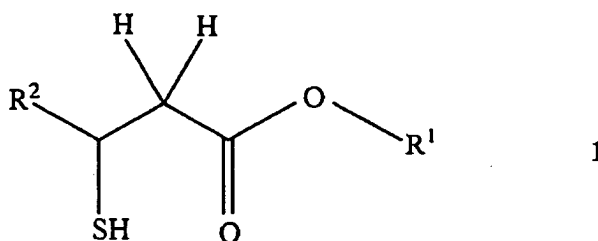
17. (NEW) The product of the method of claim 9.

18. (NEW) An edible product flavored with a flavorant to provide berry, fruity and tropical aspects in the absence of a green and/or fatty note, the flavorant comprising at least one compound of formula 1



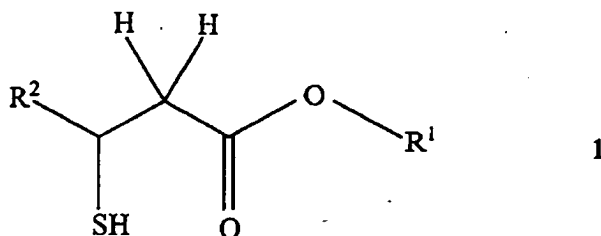
or a precursor thereof, in which R¹ is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl and alkadienyl groups having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms and R² is selected from the group consisting of methyl and ethyl, with the proviso that R² is not methyl when R¹ is ethyl, thereby providing the product with a fruity note in the absence of a green and/or fatty note.

19. (NEW) A healthcare product flavored with a flavorant to provide berry, fruity and tropical aspects in the absence of a green and/or fatty note, the flavorant comprising at least one compound of formula 1



or a precursor thereof, in which R^1 is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl and alkadienyl groups having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms and R^2 is selected from the group consisting of methyl and ethyl, with the proviso that R^2 is not methyl when R^1 is ethyl, thereby providing the product with a fruity note in the absence of a green and/or fatty note.

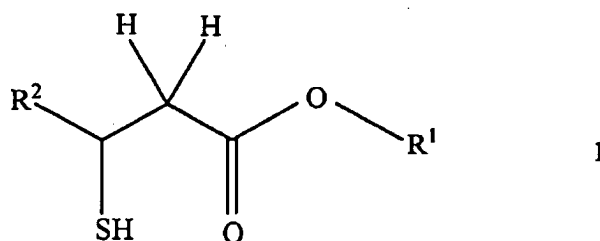
20. (NEW) A healthcare product fragranced with a fragrance to provide berry, fruity and tropical aspects in the absence of a green and/or fatty note, the fragrance comprising at least one compound of formula 1



or a precursor thereof, in which R^1 is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl and alkadienyl groups having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms

and R^2 is selected from the group consisting of methyl and ethyl, with the proviso that R^2 is not methyl when R^1 is ethyl, thereby providing the product with a fruity note in the absence of a green and/or fatty note.

21. (NEW) A cosmetic product fragranced with a fragrance to provide berry, fruity and tropical aspects in the absence of a green and/or fatty note, the fragrance comprising at least one compound of formula 1



or a precursor thereof, in which R^1 is selected from the group consisting of linear or branched alkyl, alkenyl and alkadienyl groups having from 1 to 8 carbon atoms and R^2 is selected from the group consisting of methyl and ethyl, with the proviso that R^2 is not methyl when R^1 is ethyl, thereby providing the product with a fruity note in the absence of a green and/or fatty note.

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